

September 14, 1999

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Neil G. Giuliano, Tempe, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 22, 1999

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 300

**Please park in the garage under the Arizona Bank Building. Parking places will be reserved for Regional Council members on the first and second levels of the garage. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.**

The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a progressive dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG offices on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
September 22, 1999**

**COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED**

1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Approval of July 28, 1999 Meeting Minutes</u>	3. Review and approve July 28, 1999 meeting minutes.
4. <u>Call to the Audience</u>  An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.	4. For information.
5. <u>Executive Director's Report</u>  The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	5. For information and discussion.
6. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u>  Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	6. For information, discussion and approval of the Consent Agenda.

**\*ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT**

**TRANSPORTATION ITEM**

*7. <u>Enhancement Funds Working Group Round VII Recommendations</u>  The Enhancement Funds Working Group was formed by the MAG Regional Council in April 1993 to review and recommend a ranked list of Enhancement Fund applications from this region	7. For information, discussion, and approval to forward the Enhancement Funds Working Group ranked list of applications to the Arizona Department of Transportation for consideration by the Transportation Enhancement Review Committee.
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to the State Transportation Enhancement Review Committee (TERC). This year, 17 enhancement fund applications for local funds were received totaling \$7,551,691, with approximately \$7 million available statewide. Four applications for state funds were received totaling \$2,134,969 with approximately \$5 million available statewide. The Transportation Enhancement Funds Working Group and the Management Committee unanimously recommended that MAG forward the ranked list of applications to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for consideration by the TERC. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*8. Consultant Selection for the West Valley Multi-Modal Transportation Corridor Plan

In May 1999, the MAG Regional Council approved the Unified Planning Work Program which included a \$450,000 grant from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Enhancement Funds Program to develop a non-motorized transportation plan for the West Valley Multi-Modal Transportation Corridor. The Corridor lies along the New River, from just north of the community of New River southward approximately 30 miles to its confluence with the Agua Fria River, which it then follows 12 miles south to the Salt River. Sections of the Corridor are adjacent to the Loop 101 freeway and intersect with US 60, Interstate 10, Interstate 17 and State Route 74. The Corridor also connects the city of Avondale with the community of New River while passing through Phoenix, Glendale, Peoria and unincorporated areas of Maricopa County. To assist with technical analysis and implementation, the work for this plan will be integrated with the development of the Agua Fria Watercourse Master Plan initiated by the Flood Control District of Maricopa County.

A request for proposals (RFP) was advertised for consultant assistance for the development of the Corridor Plan. Four consultant proposals were received in response to the RFP. One proposal was later withdrawn at the request of the consultant. A multi-agency proposal review team interviewed two of the consultants and unanimously agreed to recommend that the consultant firm Entranco be retained to assist in the development of the West Valley Multi-Modal Transportation Corridor Plan for an amount not

8. For information, discussion and approval to select the consultant firm Entranco to develop the West Valley Multi-Modal Transportation Corridor Plan for an amount not to exceed \$450,000.

to exceed \$450,000. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*9. Amendment of FY 2000 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Reflect the Award of \$300,000 in Federal Aviation Administration Funds

In May 1998, the Regional Council approved the FY 1999 MAG Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Annual Budget, including a task to update the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan (RASP). The purpose of the plan is to meet the long-term air transportation needs of the region in a safe and efficient manner. Because of intense competition for limited federal funds, the grant award was not received in FY 1999. In January 1999, the Chairman of the MAG Regional Council forwarded a letter to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) urging the agency to fund the MAG Continuous Aviation Planning Program, including the Update of the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan. The FAA issued a \$300,000 grant at the end of July 1999. Because of the uncertainty of the receipt of the grant it was not identified in the FY 2000 UPWP. It is now necessary to amend the FY 2000 UPWP and Annual Budget to reflect receiving \$300,000 in FAA funds to update the RASP. The Management Committee recommended amending the UPWP and Annual Budget to include the FAA funds. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. For information, discussion and approval to amend the FY 2000 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to reflect the award of \$300,000 in Federal Aviation Administration funds to support the MAG Continuous Aviation System Planning Program, including the Update of the Regional Aviation System Plan.

#### AIR QUALITY ITEM

\*10. Draft 1999 Vehicle Miles of Travel Forecasting and Tracking Report

On June 22, 1999, the MAG Regional Council committed to annually updating the forecast of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and submitting annual reports to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as part of the MAG 1999 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan. The purpose of the annual VMT forecasting and tracking report is to ensure that forecasts used in the Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan remain accurate. The first annual report has been prepared in accordance with EPA guidance to satisfy this commitment. The report will be submitted to EPA by September 30, 1999 after consultation

10. For information, discussion and acceptance of the Draft 1999 Vehicle Miles of Travel Forecasting and Tracking Report

among all affected agencies. Since the development of the VMT Report, we have become aware that the Arizona Department of Transportation is in the process of revising the 1998 Arizona Highway Performance Monitoring System. This may require a revised MAG VMT report in the future. Please refer to the enclosed material.

#### GENERAL ITEMS

\*11. Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the City of Mesa Southeast Water Reclamation Plant

The City of Mesa has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include an expansion of the existing Southeast Water Reclamation Plant and a discharge for the facility to the Roosevelt Water Conservation District Canal and/or the East Maricopa Floodway. The proposed 208 Plan amendment is for an expansion increase in capacity from 12 million gallons per day (mgd) to 16 mgd. Treated wastewater will be disposed of through reuse for turf irrigation, discharged to the Roosevelt Water Conservation District Canal and groundwater recharge. If none of these options are available, the facility could dispose of effluent through discharge to the 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue Wastewater Treatment Facility or discharge to the East Maricopa Floodway. The facility is located at Baseline Road and Power Road in Mesa. There are no other existing wastewater treatment facilities in the area. The Town of Queen Creek, Town of Gilbert and Maricopa County (including the Flood Control District of Maricopa County) are within three miles of the project. All of the jurisdictions have indicated that they do not object to the proposed facility. On August 24, 1999, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee heard public comments on the Draft 208 Plan Amendment. Following consideration of the public comments, the Committee recommended approval of the Draft 208 Amendment. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*12. Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Blue Horizons Villages

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The Town of Buckeye has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include the Blue Horizons Villages Wastewater Treatment Facility. The proposed 2.0 million gallon per day (mgd) facility is located southwest of the intersection of Jackrabbit Trail and Yuma Road. Treated wastewater will be disposed of through reuse for landscaping and discharged to the Roosevelt Irrigation District. In the future, it is anticipated that effluent will be recharged in the area and then the discharge into the Roosevelt Irrigation District may no longer be necessary. There are no other existing wastewater treatment facilities in the area. The City of Goodyear and Maricopa County (including the Maricopa County Flood Control District) are within three miles of the facility. All of the jurisdictions have indicated that they do not object to the proposed facility. On July 27, 1999, the Water Quality Advisory Committee conducted a public hearing on the Draft 208 Plan Amendment. There were no public comments provided on this facility. On August 24, 1999, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee recommended approval of the Draft 208 Amendment. The MAG Management Committee concurred with this recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*13. Reconstitution of the MAG Clean Cities Stakeholders Executive Committee

In June 1995, the MAG Regional Council initiated the application process for the Clean Cities Program. In October 1997, this region received its Clean Cities designation from the U.S. Department of Energy. The purpose of the Program is to support alternative fuel neutral efforts, to educate the public regarding alternative fuel vehicles and to encourage regional cooperation in developing alternative fuel infrastructure. Since its inception, a broad stakeholder group and Clean Cities Stakeholders Executive Committee have been involved in guiding the activities of the Clean Cities Program. With turnover in the membership of the Committee and guidance from the U.S. Department of Energy regarding composition of the Committee, staff is recommending that the Committee be reconstituted. Membership would remain open to all MAG member agencies who desire to participate in the Committee.

13. For information, discussion and approval to reconstitute the MAG Clean Cities Stakeholders Executive Committee.

Additional private sector participation would be solicited to have the membership meet federal guidance. The Management Committee recommended reconstitution of the MAG Clean Cities Stakeholders Executive Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*14. Draft MAG Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

MAG is a recipient and sub-recipient of United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) funding and is therefore affected by the new federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements. On February 2, 1999, the Federal Register issued a final ruling on the participation of DBEs in federal transportation programs. To be consistent with the requirements stipulated in the new regulation, MAG has modified its existing DBE program and expects to implement the new program October 1, 1999. A Public Notice regarding the Draft MAG DBE Program was advertised in the Arizona Republic and the Arizona Informant. The Draft MAG DBE Program was available for public review until August 30, 1999 and public comments were accepted until September 13, 1999. The proposed changes to the DBE program will ensure compliance with the new regulation and allow for continued USDOT funding. Federal regulations require presentation of the DBE Program to the Regional Council. Action is not required. Please refer to the enclosed material.

14. For information.

### ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

#### VALLEY VISION 2025 UPDATE

15. Valley Vision 2025 Update

An update on the activities of the Valley Vision 2025 Committee will be provided to the members of the Regional Council.

15. For information and discussion.

#### TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

16. Conceptual Agreement Between MAG and ADOT for Grant Anticipation Note Financing

Acceleration of the MAG Freeway Program to 2007 requires issuing Grant Anticipation Notes (GANs) against future federal funds. It is planned that the Arizona Department of Transportation

16. For information, discussion and approval of the conceptual framework for the Grant Anticipation Note agreement between MAG and ADOT and to authorize the MAG Executive Director to execute the agreement within this conceptual framework.

(ADOT), would issue GANs pledging future ADOT federal funds and ADOT would be repaid using MAG federal funds already committed to the Regional Freeway Program. MAG has committed \$34.1 million annually of the MAG federal funds to the Regional Freeway Program through 2006. GANs issued by ADOT would also be used to accelerate the completion of the Pecos Road connection at I-10 and the Gilbert Road to Higley segment of the Red Mountain Freeway. The MAG Regional Council previously approved these two project accelerations. ADOT is planning the first GAN issue of approximately \$25 million, which will be used to acquire right-of-way for the Pecos Road connection, for late October or November of this year. Although the GANS will be backed by the pledge of ADOT federal funds, an agreement between ADOT and MAG is needed to ensure that MAG federal funds allocated to the Regional Freeway Program remain committed to repay ADOT. Staff is requesting approval of the conceptual framework for this agreement and authority for the MAG Executive Director to execute the agreement within this conceptual framework. The Management Committee concurred with staff's recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

#### GENERAL ITEM

17. MAG Regional Videoconferencing System Recommendations

At the beginning of this year, in conjunction with the Teleconferencing and Telecommunications Program approved by the Regional Council, MAG contracted with Norstan Communications to conduct a study to define a region-wide Videoconferencing system. The purpose of the system is to link MAG with its member agencies, thereby reducing vehicle miles traveled, congestion and air pollution. Further benefits include improved communications, wider agency participation and increased public participation in the decision-making process.

During the a nine month study process, Norstan Communications provided technical analysis, several Videoconferencing demonstrations were held, input was received from a broad range of Videoconferencing users, and input was received from the MAG Telecommunications Advisory

17. For information, discussion, and approval of the MAG Telecommunications Advisory Group recommendation for the MAG Regional Videoconferencing system for a cost of \$1,446,000, with \$496,000 being provided from the closeout of existing federal projects, to authorize MAG to issue a Request for Proposals for a regional videoconferencing system, and to encourage meeting attendance via videoconferencing during high pollution advisory days.



Group (MAGTAG). On August 12, 1999, MAGTAG recommended by a vote of 15-0 that a regional videoconferencing system be provided to each member agency for an amount of \$1,446,000. This includes a VideoServer bridge to allow simultaneous videoconferencing from 27 sites, ISDN BRI/ISDN PRI or better network infrastructure, and an interrelated Latitude audio conferencing component. The videoconferencing equipment recommended by MAGTAG was from VTEL Corporation. It is being recommended that a Request for Proposals be advertised to procure the equipment. The amount of funding required for the project is \$1,446,000. The FY 2000 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget included approximately \$950,000 for this project. Staff recommended that the additional amount required of \$496,000 be provided from the closeout of federal funds. The Management Committee concurred with the staff recommendation and also recommended that meeting attendance via videoconferencing be encouraged during high pollution advisory days. Please refer to the enclosed material.